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Mr. HOFFMAN of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To establish uniform weight allowances governing the transportation at Government expense of property of Government officers and employees (including members of the uniformed services), and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) subsection (a) of the first section of the Admin-
4 istrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1), is
5 amended by striking out the second parenthetical clause there-
6 in and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(not to
7 exceed seven thousand pounds if uncased, or eight thousand
8 seven hundred and fifty pounds if cased, for transfers with-
9 in continental United States; or ten thousand pounds if un-

1 crated, or fourteen thousand pounds if crated, for trans-
2 fers to, from, or outside continental United States, or the
3 equivalent of such amounts when transportation charges are
4 based on cubic measurement) ”.

5 (b) Subsection (b) of such section is amended by in-
6 serting “(1)” immediately after “(b)”, and by adding
7 at the end thereof the following:

8 “(2) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to
9 authorized transportation, packing, crating, temporary
10 storage, drayage, and unpacking of—

11 “(A) baggage and household effects of members
12 and deceased members of the uniformed services under
13 the provisions of section 303 (c) of the Career Com-
14 pensation Act of 1949 (37 U. S. C., sec. 253 (c)) ; and

15 “(B) furniture, household, and personal effects of
16 officers and employees of the Foreign Service under the
17 provisions of section 911 of the Foreign Service Act of
18 1946 (22 U. S. C., sec. 1136).”

19 (c) Such section is further amended by adding at the
20 end thereof the following new subsections:

21 “(e) (1) Notwithstanding the second proviso of sub-
22 section (a), the weight limitations contained in subsection
23 (a) applicable to household goods and personal effects shall
24 also apply, under such regulations as the President may from
25 time to time prescribe, to authorized transportation of furni-

1 ture, household goods, and personal effects (including pro-
2 fessional books, papers, and equipment) of officers and
3 employees of the Foreign Service under the provisions of
4 section 911 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (22 U. S. C.,
5 sec. 1136), members and deceased members of the uniformed
6 services under the provisions of section 303 (c) of the Career
7 Compensation Act of 1949 (37 U. S. C., sec. 253 (c)),
8 officers and employees under the provisions of section 5 of
9 the Act of June 20, 1949 (50 U. S. C., sec. 403e), and
10 deceased civilian officers and employees under the first section
11 of the Act of July 8, 1940 (5 U. S. C., sec. 103a).

12 “(2) During the three-year period which begins on
13 the effective date of this subsection, any officer, employee,
14 or member referred to in paragraph (1) whose official duty
15 station is outside continental United States on the effective
16 date of this subsection, may be allowed the expenses of trans-
17 portation of furniture, household goods, a privately owned
18 automobile, professional books, papers, equipment, and per-
19 sonal effects in all transfers made outside continental United
20 States, and in one transfer to continental United States,
21 under the laws and regulations which were in effect on the
22 date of his most recent transfer from continental United
23 States. This paragraph does not authorize the allowance of
24 expenses of transportation—

25 “(A) of any property which is not located outside

1 continental United States on the effective date of this
2 subsection; or

3 “(B) of property of any individual in any transfer
4 occurring after the date on which he has been trans-
5 ferred to continental United States during the three-
6 year period which begins on the effective date of this
7 subsection.

8 “(3) Any officer, employee, or member referred to in
9 paragraph (2) may be allowed the expenses of transpor-
10 tation of the property referred to in paragraph (2) to con-
11 tinental United States within three years after the effective
12 date of this subsection without regard to whether he is being
13 transferred. The weight limitation applicable to such prop-
14 erty under this paragraph shall be the weight limitation
15 which would apply with respect to such property under
16 paragraph (2) if he were being transferred to continental
17 United States less the weight limitation which would so
18 apply under subsection (a). Expenses shall not be allowed
19 to any individual under this paragraph more than once.
20 When such expenses are allowed to an individual under this
21 paragraph, the weight of the property with respect to which
22 such expenses were allowed shall be deducted from the
23 weight limitation applicable under paragraph (2) to trans-
24 fers thereafter made by such individual.

25 “(f) (1) Under such regulations as the President may

1 from time to time prescribe, whenever any civilian officer
2 or employee of the United States (including any officer or
3 employee of the Foreign Service), or any member of the
4 uniformed services, is transferred to, from, or outside con-
5 tinental United States, such officer, employee, or member
6 may be allowed for a period not to exceed three months the
7 storage expenses of property with respect to which expenses
8 of transportation are allowed pursuant to such transfer.

9 “(2) Whenever any officer, employee, or member referred
10 to in paragraph (1) is assigned to a permanent duty station
11 outside continental United States at which he will be unable
12 to use, or to which, because of emergency conditions, he can-
13 not take, a portion of his property, or whenever the head of
14 the department concerned authorizes storage of any property
15 in the interests of economy, storage expenses may be allowed
16 such officer, employee, or member. Whenever any such
17 officer, employee, or member has been allowed storage ex-
18 penses under this paragraph, and subsequently he is trans-
19 ferred from outside continental United States to continental
20 United States, such storage expenses shall no longer be al-
21 lowed to him with respect to property which is not trans-
22 ported to continental United States pursuant to such transfer.
23 The weight of property stored under this paragraph pursu-
24 ant to a transfer together with the weight of property with

1 respect to which the officer, employee, or member is allowed
2 expenses of transportation pursuant to such transfer shall not
3 exceed the weight limitations provided by subsection (a)
4 or subsection (e) (2), whichever is applicable.

5 “(3) The storage expenses referred to in this subsection
6 shall be the costs of storage (including related transportation
7 and other expenses) of furniture, household goods, and per-
8 sonal effects, including professional books, papers, and equip-
9 ment (and for the purposes of paragraph (1) only, includ-
10 ing an automobile), pursuant to any transfer.

11 “(g) (1) Whenever the head of a department deter-
12 mines—

13 “(A) that it is in the interest of the United States
14 for any civilian officer or employee of the United States
15 (including any officer or employee of the Foreign
16 Service) or any member of the uniformed services to
17 have the use of a privately owned automobile at an
18 official duty station outside continental United States to
19 which he is being transferred; and

20 “(B) that the transportation of such automobile by
21 water, rail or air is necessary or expedient for any part
22 of the distance between points of origin and destination,
23 the expenses of transportation of such automobile may be
24 allowed such officer, employee, or member, without regard to
25 the weight limitations contained in subsections (a) and (e)

1 (2) of this section. In the absence of such a determination
2 the expenses of transportation of such automobile may never-
3 theless be allowed if its weight plus the weight of other
4 property with respect to which such expenses are allowed
5 does not exceed the weight limitations applicable to the
6 transfer.

7 “(2) In any case in which—

8 “(A) the expenses of transportation of an automo-
9 bile have been allowed an individual prior to the effec-
10 tive date of this subsection; or

11 “(B) the expenses of transportation of an automo-
12 bile are allowed on or after the effective date of this
13 subsection pursuant to a determination made under para-
14 graph (1),

15 and in a subsequent transfer the expenses of transportation
16 of such automobile are not allowed pursuant to a determina-
17 tion made under paragraph (1), then the expenses of trans-
18 portation of the automobile to continental United States may
19 be allowed at the time of such subsequent transfer, without
20 regard to any weight limitation which would otherwise
21 apply.

22 “(3) This subsection does not prohibit payment of an
23 allowance for mileage in cases where an officer, employee, or
24 member of the uniformed services drives an automobile to
25 his new permanent duty station.”

1 SEC. 2. (a) The first sentence of section 303 (c) of
2 the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (37 U. S. C., sec.
3 253 (c)) is amended by inserting immediately after "such
4 weight allowances" the following: "(not in excess of the
5 maximum weight limitations established with respect to
6 permanent transfers under the first section of the Adminis-
7 trative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1))".

8 (b) Such section 303 (c) is further amended by adding
9 at the end thereof the following: "In no event shall the
10 weight allowances applicable to baggage and household ef-
11 fects under this subsection exceed the weight limitations
12 established under the first section of the Administrative Ex-
13 penses Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1) ; nor shall the
14 Secretary pay for transportation, packing, crating, temporary
15 storage, drayage, and unpacking of baggage and household
16 effects in connection with a change of station within the
17 forty-eight States and the District of Columbia on other than
18 the commuted basis provided for in subsection (b) of the
19 first section of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946
20 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1)."

21 SEC. 3. Section 911 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946
22 (22 U. S. C., sec. 1136) is amended (a) by striking out
23 "The Secretary may" and inserting in lieu thereof "(a)
24 Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the
25 Secretary may"; (b) by striking out paragraphs (4) and

1 (5) thereof, and (c) by adding at the end thereof the
2 following:

3 “(b) In no event shall the weight allowances estab-
4 lished for transportation or storage of furniture and house-
5 hold and personal effects exceed the weight limitations estab-
6 lished under the first section of the Administrative Expenses
7 Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1), nor shall the Secre-
8 tary pay for such transportation in connection with a transfer
9 between points within the continental United States on other
10 than the commuted basis provided for in subsection (b) of
11 the first section of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946.”

12 SEC. 4. Paragraph (b) of the first section of the Act of
13 July 8, 1940 (5 U. S. C., sec. 103a), is amended by insert-
14 ing immediately after “transportation of household effects
15 and other personal property” the following: “(within the
16 weight limitations which would be applicable in case of a
17 permanent transfer under the first section of the Adminis-
18 trative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1))”.

19 SEC. 5. (a) Section 5 of the Act of June 20, 1949 (50
20 U. S. C., sec. 403e), is amended by adding at the end thereof
21 the following:

22 “(c) The provisions of the first section of the Admin-
23 istrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U. S. C., sec. 73b-1)
24 shall apply with respect to the transportation and storage of

1 furniture and household and personal effects, including auto-
2 mobiles, under this section."

3 (b) Such section 5 is further amended by striking out
4 subsections (a) (1) (D), (a) (1) (E), and (a) (4)
5 thereof.

6 SEC. 6. The following provisions of law are hereby
7 repealed:

8 (1) Section 617 of the Act of October 29, 1949 (10
9 U. S. C., sec. 825) ;

10 (2) Section 30 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (34
11 U. S. C., sec. 898) ;

12 (3) Section 913 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946
13 (22 U. S. C., sec. 1138) ;

14 (4) The fourth paragraph under the heading "GEN-
15 ERAL PROVISIONS" in title III of the Act of February 18,
16 1946 (37 U. S. C., sec. 112c)) ;

17 (5) Section 209 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (5
18 U. S. C., sec. 73c) .

19 SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act or the amendments made
20 by it shall operate to decrease any allowances for the ex-
21 penses of transportation of furniture, household goods, and
22 personal effects which would otherwise be applicable with
23 respect to—

24 (1) any transfer from any point outside the forty-
25 eight States and the District of Columbia to the forty-

1 eight States or the District of Columbia, when such
2 transfer was made prior to the effective date of this Act,
3 or was being made on such date; or

4 (2) the movement of household and personal effects
5 under section 12 of the Missing Persons Act (50
6 U. S. C., sec. 1012).

7 SEC. 8. This Act and the amendments made by it shall
8 take effect on the first day of the second calendar month
9 which begins after the date of its enactment.

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